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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN GUNES: US-TURKISH RELATIONS

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN MY FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH NEW FONMIN GUNES, HE EMPHASIZED TURKEY'S FIRM ATTACHMENT TO THE WESTERN ALLIANCE AND TO A CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US. END SUMMARY.

1. ON WEDNESDAY, FEB 13, I HAD A TWO AND A HALF HOUR TOUR D'HORIZON MEETING WITH FONMIN GUNES (SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS REPORTED SEPTELS). I OFFERED CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. I THEN SAID I HAD BEEN REVIEWING WITH INTEREST, AND HAD BEEN REASSURED BY, THE GOVT PROGRAM AND THE STATEMENTS OF THE LEADERS OF THE NEW GOVT, INCLUDING THE
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FONMIN, AS REGARDS TURKEY'S BASICALLY UNCHANGED FOREIGN

AND SECURITY POLICIES. IT WAS EVIDENT FROM THESE THAT NEW TURKISH GOVT WISHED TO HAVE CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US. IN INVITING HIM TO COMMENT, I NOTED THAT WASHINGTON WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING THE FONMIN'S VIEWS DIRECTLY.

3. GUNES SAID THAT TURKEY WILL CONTINUE TO ATTACH ITSELF TO THE EXISTING MUTUAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND WILL FULFILL ALL OBLIGATIONS ARISING OUT OF MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. THIS PARTICULARLY HELD TRUE FOR TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH THE USG. AS IN THE PAST, TURKEY WILL BE PURSUING A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USG WITH A SENSE OF FAITH AND GOOD WILL. HE SAID THAT HIS OWN DUTY, WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, WAS TO "DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY THE COMMON INTERESTS OF THE USG AND TURKEY".

4. I EXPRESSED MY APPRECIATION FOR HIS STATEMENT AND ASSURED GUNES, THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND ALL U.S. OFFICIALS LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM IN PURSUING OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES.

5. I EXPRESSED VIEW THAT CURRENT U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONSHIP WAS IN GOOD SHAPE. THERE WERE PROBLEMS, OF COURSE, BUT THEY WERE THE PROBLEMS OF FRIENDS AND OUR PARTNERSHIP APPEARED TO ME TO BE A VERY SOLID ONE. GUNES EXPANDED ON THIS THEME BY SAYING THAT HE HAD TWO OBSERVATIONS TO OFFER AS REGARDS COMMON PROBLEM-SOLVING. THE FIRST WAS THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE RECONITION BY OUR TWO STATES OF OUR NEED OF EACH OTHER PRODUCES IN TURN A HELPFUL CLIMATE FOR SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS (THIS I TOOK TO BE A PREFACE TO HIS LATER REMARKS CONCERNING THE POPPY PROBLEM). A SECOND ASPECT INVOLVED HIMSELF, GUNES SAID. HAVING COME TO THIS OFFICE AFTER A LONG CAREER IN DOMESTIC POLITICS, HE HOPED IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WAS INCLINED TO BE BLUNT AND FRANK, AS WELL AS "OPEN-HEARTED." I CONCLUDED THIS INITIAL PORTION OF OUR CONVERSATION BY WELCOMING HIS ASSURANCES REGARDING THE POLICIES OF THE NEWS GOVT AND COMMENTING THAT CANDOR WAS THE HALLMARK OF FRIENDS.
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